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Postal Regulatory Commission
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In the Matter of: Fernandina Beach Downtown Post Office, FL 32035

Postal Regulatory Commission Docket No. A2013-7

Postal Service Docket No. 1363326 - 32034

Petitioner Request to Affirm Appeal and Stop Closing

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Petitioner's Request to Affirm Appeal and Stop Closing:

The Petitioner respectfully requests that the Postal Regulatory Commission affirm the Petitioners Appeal and Stop the Fernandina Beach Downtown Post Office closing based on the following grounds:

1. Customers of the Fernandina Beach Downtown Post Office have not received the official Final Determination notice as required. Petitioner provides as evidence to this fact two separate Final Determination notices, signed on two separate dates, and with different details listed within the two separate documents. One Final Determination document was provided by the Postal Service in the Administrative Record filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission) on August 9, 2013 (Item Nbr: 35). This document was signed on June 17, 2013. The other document was posted in the Fernandina Beach Downtown Post Office on July 9, 2013. This document was signed on July 3, 2013. A scanned copy of the posted document will be provided to support this fact. In addition to the different signature dates, the content of Section IV (Economic Savings) is materially different. Therefore, the Petitioner concludes that the Customers of the Post Office have not been provided the official Final Determination as required by law.
2. In the Administrative Record filed with the Commission by the Postal Service on August 1, 2013, there is a false and misleading statement provided in Item Nbr: 29, Page Nbr: 1, "Log of Post Office Discontinuance Actions", that has a material bearing on the decision to close the Post Office. This log shows an entry on February 9, 2012 that states that part of the "Reason" for the closure is due to "The current community that this office resides in is going to incorporate with a neighboring city and the Postal Service is determining the needs of the new community structure". This is not true. Fernandina Beach is the only incorporated city on Amelia Island. There is no "neighboring city" close enough to warrant even the thought of consolidation. The Petitioner feels that such a strong inaccurate statement of the "Reason" for the closure had a material effect on the final decision to close the Post Office.
3. In the Administrative Record filed with the Commission by the Postal Service on August 1, 2013, there is a statement provided in Item Nbr: 29, Page Nbr: 1, "Log of Post Office Discontinuance Actions", that lists the Customers Affected as 625 Post Office Box holders. The last entry on this Log is dated May 7, 2013. Petitioner requests the Commission to require the Postal Service to produce accounting records from May 2013 that prove

that at least 625 Post Office Boxes were available to be rented at the Sadler Road Post Office by the 625 Customers who were going to lose their Post Office Box based on the Final Determination to close. If a total of 625 Post Office Boxes were not available for rental at the Sadler Road Post Office in May 2013, then the Postal Service cannot claim a lack of impact on the Customers of the Downtown Post Office, and the closure of the Downtown Post Office cannot be classified as a "rearrangement" of retail facilities as the Postal Service has stated. None of the Retail Facilities located in the local community noted by the Postal Service offer Post Office Boxes. That service is only provided at the Sadler Road Post Office and the Downtown Post Office, and therefore closing the Downtown Post Office is considered a discontinuance and closure of a "Post Office".

The Petitioner respectfully requests that the Postal Regulatory Commission affirm the Petitioners Appeal and Stop the closing of the Fernandina Beach Downtown Post Office.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,

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